

## **Jaguar North American Archives**

The Jaguar Land Rover North American archives continues for 2020 with a strong agenda.

We have undertaken a program to clean and refurbish all the original microfilm tapes and the company has authorized the funds to do this.

We continue to go through the files in the archives to rationalize further what we are keeping and what we are turning over to the Coventry Foundation.

Unfortunately, there are still a few downsides that need to be addressed.

One of the major downsides is that we finally received a definitive answer about JCNA discount for Heritage Certificates.

Jaguar Heritage Trust, has notified us that they will not make a concession to JCNA, despite the original agreement entered in to over 30 years ago. Their position has been passed along to JCNA and then passed along to the membership.

There has been a frank and open discourse taking place via Jaguar Journal readers and Jaguar Heritage Trust and as of this date there has still been no resolution. The discussion continues, but this will require compromise on Jaguar Heritage Trust.

Another issue that arose approximately 5 weeks prior to the AGM was the illness of Fred Hammond. While this illness is inconvenient, it will not compromise The Archives in any significant way long term.

Gunther McKeown, who many of you met at the Mahwah AGM and who has been a volunteer in the Archives for over a year, is being brought in on salary to cover a minimum of 2 days a week. This short-term emergency plan will enable Gunther to clear the telephone messages as well as all the emails and to contact Fred Hammond regarding any outstanding questions.

Fred will be out of the office for approximately 4 to 5 weeks.

This still raises the question of a long-term succession plan should Fred not be able to return in a reasonable amount of time. This is being considered currently by JLR management and we hope to have a plan in place for long-term.

Should Gunther require additional assistance, we have had offers from several JCNA members and former JLRNA employees.

Fred Hammond  
JLRNA Archivist